

City of Utica
Regular Council Meeting
March 10, 2009

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan at 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Figurski, Kraft, Baker, Barthelmeh, Osladil, Noonan
Absent: Sikora

Executive Session

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Figurski, to recess to executive session to discuss litigation. Voting 6 ayes, 1 absent, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting recessed at 7:16 p.m.

Regular Session

The City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Noonan, who led the pledge of allegiance at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes of 2/10/09

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Kraft, to approve the minutes of 2/10/09 as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business

Landlord Ordinance Amendment

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Kraft, to adopt the Landlord Ordinance Amendment as read by the City Attorney. Voting 6 ayes by roll call, 1 absent, motion **CARRIED**. This amendment pertains to the inspections and fees.

Consent Business

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the St. Lawrence K of C Annual Tootsie Roll Drive, 4/3-5/09 with presentation of proper insurance. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Correspondence

None.

New Business

Department Reports

Mayor Noonan

UCS 16th Annual Career Focus Day

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Barthelmeh, to participate in the 16th Annual Career Focus Day on May 6/7, 2009 with purchase of one table; Fire Chief and the Mayor to represent the City. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

SEV's and Taxable Value

Mayor Noonan reread the report submitted by the City Assessor Nancy Strehl at last month's meeting explaining the assessing process and the SEV and taxable values on property. No action required.

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Utica Film Office

This matter will be referred to the City Attorney, Mayor and Councilman Osladil and will return on the April agenda.

Romeo's Victorian Festival

Romeo's Victorian Festival will be held on May 16 with a wide variety of activities. No action required.

MERS Resolution Adopting Act. No. 88

Motion by Osladil, seconded by Barthelmeh, to adopt the provisions of Act No. 88, PA of 1961, as amended and become a reciprocal unit under the Reciprocal Retirement Act for the MERS Pension Plan. Voting by roll, 6 ayes, 1 absent, motion **CARRIED**.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Noonan thanked all departments for the additional assistance due to the recent Clinton River flooding.

Council Reports

Councilman Baker is pleased that the snow has melted but distressed with the number of newspapers lying on the sides of the streets.

Mayor ProTem Barthelmeh reported that during the Mayor's absence, the DPW assisted a gentleman on Custer and that person was most appreciative.

Assessing- Nancy Strehl, Assessor

No report.

Building- Ed Durbin

No report.

DPW- Bill Lang, Superintendent

Annual Storm Water Discharge Permit Fee

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Figurski, to approve the payment of the annual storm water discharge permit fee as submitted. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Federal Stimulus Funds

The repaving of North Pointe Blvd did not make the cut in the federal stimulus package but it is on the 2011 paving program.

Fire- Kevin Wilseck, Chief

No report.

Police- Mike Reaves, Chief

Correspondence from Clinton Township

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Figurski, to receive and file correspondence received from Clinton Township Captain regarding Officer Morabito and his alertness to duty. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

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Community Shred Day

The community shred day will be Saturday, May 9, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer- Philip Paternoster

Financing Bids

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Baker, to accept the bid from Ford Motor Credit Company for the financing of the 2008 HME/Ahrens-Fox pumper. Voting 6 ayes by roll, 1 absent, motion **CARRIED**.

Deficit Elimination Plan/Senior Housing

Treasurer presented the Senior Housing Maintenance Operation Fund Deficit Elimination Plan and recommended a 1.5% rent increase effective with lease renewals after 7/1/09 and a one time grant from the city for \$10,000.

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Noonan, to adopt the Deficit Elimination Plan for Senior Housing as outlined by the Treasurer. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Administration- Cathy McGrail, City Clerk

CDBG Funding

Information was received from Macomb County Planning and Economic Development department regarding additional CDBG funds; projects must be shovel ready. No action required.

County Budget Meeting

The final county budget meeting will be March 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Palazzo Grande Banquet Center. No action required.

Library- Marsha Doege, Director

No report.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be in Grant Park on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Historic District Commission

No report.

City Attorney

Motion by Figurski, seconded by Barthelmeh, to accept the proposed MTT settlement for Mela Development, not to exceed \$1500. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Planning Commission

No report.

Senior Housing Steering Committee

No report.

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Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

No report.

Bills Payable

Motion by Baker, seconded by Barthelmeh, to approve the payment of all bills, as presented. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**.

Jeffrey Fleisher, 7936 Ruby

Resident failed to show up; matter will be on the agenda when resident submits request.

Communication from the Public

Dennis Peters, owner of Davis Street property, was present to request status of reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Peters was requested to meet with the Treasurer for a status update.

Adjournment

Motion by Barthelmeh, seconded by Osladil, to adjourn the meeting. Voting all ayes, motion **CARRIED**. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

M. Catherine McGrail

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City Clerk